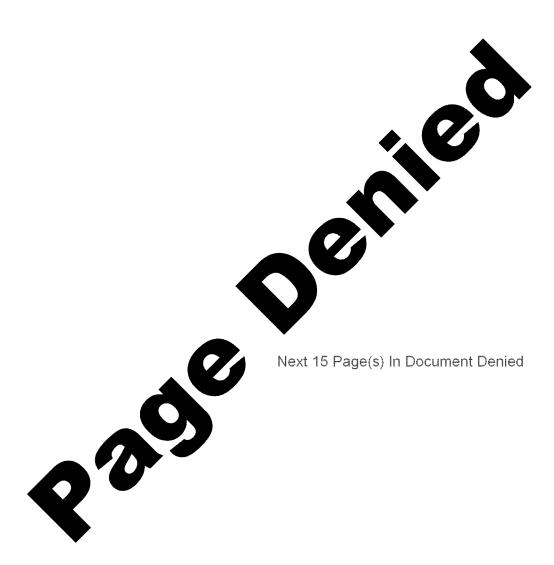
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Conclusions

9. In sum, advances in weapon technology in the 1980s and 1990s will increase requirements for surveil (ance and tracking of mobile weapon platforms in order to target them, and for operation of defensive weapons. Requirements for command, control, communications, warning, attack assessment and damage assessment will also become more severe. Both US and Soviet space systems will have capabilities to meet some of these critical requirements that cannot be duplicated by non-space systems, and will become increasingly dependent on space cosets. We therefore, expect the Soviets to attempt to acquire the means to dominate space during a conflict—to destroy or interfere with US space systems while assuring the survivability of their own systems.